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CORN EXPOSITION A SUCCESS

THE FIRST CORN EXPOSITION IS SOUTH THE LARGEST OUT-SIDE OF THE WEST.

Over Six Hundred Entries and Much Interest Taken in The Exhibits

Columbia, Dec. 7.-Magnificent and successful beyond all expectation. This statement tells the story of the South Atlantic States corn exposition, which opened at Craven hall, the corn palace, yesterday and which will continue through Friday.

There are over 700 individual exhibits from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The most sucseful farmers of the three States re attending and several thousand ore are expected before the end o week. Many of those attending exposition have been farmers childhood. When the hall was and the inspection of the exwas commenced, these men extheir surprise and the exhibits for they had never dreamed such fine corn could be groyn in

roximately \$10,000 in prizes given away during the week, number of handsome trophy ewspapers and commer anizations. There is sharp and the judges have an

the sward. Cheap railroad rates have been granted from all points in South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina. The aviation meet will be held in Columbia today Thursday. The feature of yesterday's programme were the welcome addresses delivered yesterday afternoon by Mayor Gibbes of Columbia and Gov. Ansel on the part of the State of South Carolina.

Among the visitors here for the exposition that is attracting the most attention is Jerry H. Moore of Winona, in Florence county. He is 15 years of age and produced 228 bushels and 3 pecks of corn on one acre of land. He has a large exhibit. He is a very modest young fellow and knows corn. The older farmers present found him well acquainted with the subject of corn. He has created a most profound impression by his simplicity and modesty.

There was a visitor at the exposition yesterday afternoon that received more attention than any other. This exhibitor was Hannah Plowden of Clarendon county, who produced 120 bushels of corn on one acre of land.

Gov. Ansel, delivering a welcome

address on the part of the State of South Crolina before the exposition, said that the great collection of corn marked an era in the progress of the South. He spoke of the future and congratulated the farmers present for their efforts in making the Suoth Atlantic Corn States Corn exposition a success. He said that the farmers should take lessons from the boys of the State who had made such fine records for corn production. Gov. Ansel recalled the old days when "corn shuckings" were popular. He urged the farmers to assist in the work of moving the corn cribs from the West and to bring about the time when there would be "plenty of hog and hominy," for the increased production of corn means more live stock and hogs. He urged the farmers to diversify their crops. He was most enthusiastically received and his advice was good.

Another welcome address delivered was by Mayor Gibbes of Columbia He gave a coridal welcome to every one present and said that the exposition marked a period in the progress of South Carolina.

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there was a corn judging school, under the direction of J. N. Napier of

They will also be lectured.

Several handsome silver trophy cups to be given at the exposition are on exhibition in Craven hall. Cups will be given by The American Agriculturalist, The Southern Cultivator, The Southern Ruralist, the Atlanta Constitution and Journal, the Augusta Chronicle, The Greenville News and Woods & Sons of Richmond. The machinery to be given by the several houses is also on exhibition in the hall.

Carolina, did not deliver an address prizes for the Corn Exposition. last night at the exposition. He was to have delivered an address, but of illness.

Hayes. He is a well known and prosperous farmer of North Carolina.

some and artistic booth of the Barnwell boys is the result of enterprise on the part of Horace J. Crouch, superintendent of education for Barnwell county. Mr. Crouch, although one of the youngest county superintendents in the State, has been very successful and is now serving his second term. He was graduated from Furman university in 1903. Around the booth are hung the diplomas won by Barnwell lads, August Sanders, Rupert Reed, Clay Creech, Jr., Quincy Woodward, Lon Weekly, Norman 120 bushels of corn on one acre. Creech, Russell Loadholt, Willie Thomas, J. B. Niles-the last named having grown 137 bushels of corn on his acre. These diplomas each bear the signature of Gov. Ansel, Mr. J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education; Prof. W. K. Tate, State supervisor of elementary rural schools; Ira W. Williams, State agent of the United States farm demonstration work, and of the county superintendent of education.

The farmers in attendance upon the exposition are taking much interest in the corn judging school, which is being conducted by J. N. Napier of Clemson college. He is an expert and has had experience in this work

success of Big Agricultural Fair, Participated in by Farmers of Three States Continues Surprise at Wonderful Possibilities of Corn-Growing in Southern States-Boy Contestants Receive Prizes.

Columbia, Dec. 7 .- The South Atlantic States Corn Exposition now in progress in Craven Hall, marks an epoch in the history of the South. Never has there been so much fine corn brought together south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi River. It is not a pleasure event, but is educational. The farmers of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia are being shown, in a concrete form, that the great, boasted corn belt of the West has at last moved South.

The Exposition stands for more and better corn, which means more live stock and hogs. and consequently bread and meat, for the millions of people in the South. The Exposition shows what can be done on the broad acres of the South. It shows that the broad acres of the South are more adapted to the culture of corn than the plains of the West.

The Exposition is the climax of the 160,000,000 bushels increase in the corn production of the South. The Exposition shows, most especially, that the boys of the South have become great farmers, and that they are capable of teaching their fathers new methods. It shows that at least the farmer has adopted intelligent methods and is not following the trail left by cotton. The Exposistion is a great success, and it is only a nucleus of what is to be next year, and in the years to come.

The second day of the Exposition was a success from every standpoint There was a large attendance of farmers from the three States taking part and by Columbians, who are in terested in the upbuilding of the State along material lines. All were sur prised at the large number of exhibits and the fine corn. There are over 700 individual exhibits.

The executive committee of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, meeting today, discussed plans for a great Southern corn show for next year. The plan will be consummated. Even ower rates will be secured over all of the railroads, and there will be many festivities in connection with the Exposition. President Herbert, of the Chamber of Commerce, is very enthusiastic and will lend every effort to see that Columbia's part in rocker, by P. O. Roberts & Co., M. D. Following the addresses of welcome the success of the next Exposition is Lever, Richland, \$5. carried out.

There were two important and ed-Clemson college. This school is one ucational speeches made today at the education from one county making of the most important features of the Exposition. The first speech was by the best exhigit of boys' corn club O. B. Martin, assistant to Dr. Sea- work: First premium, one silver cup, ing to this county in time to mix in

in the South and of the wonderful son Gibbs, Aiken county, \$65; third good for even so well equipped a man this State. He praised the press for the assistance in bringing about the great wave of agitation for corn production in the South.

The next speaker was Ira W. Williams, State agent of the United States for farm demonstration work. He also gave credit to the press for the assistance rendered the movement and especially thanked the business men of this and other States, C. L. Blease, governor-elect of South who have so liberally contributed

Tonight there were addresses by Commissioner Watson and L. O. sent a telegram of regrets on account Scaub, in charge of the Boys' Corn Club work in North Carolina.

Prizes aggregating \$10,000 were awarded tonight for the best corn to The installation of the really hand- be exhibited from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georyia.

The prize for the best single ear of corn was won by E. Goodwin, of Apex. N. C., best ten ears, by J. C. Lewis, of Reedy Branch, N. C. Best individual display and best 50 ears, by A. D. Hudson, of Newberry, S. C. Prizes for the largest yields were awarded to Jerry H Moore, 15 years of age, of Winona, S. C., who produced 228 bushels and 3 pecks on one acre, and to Miss Hannah Plowden, 15 years of age, who produced

Quality and not quantity of corn was considered by the judges, in making the awards.

PRIZES FOR BOYS' CORN SHOW.

Aggregate Several Hundred Dollars Won by Yancy Mathis.

for the boys' corn show being held in weeks ago will be modified or in connection with the corn exposition some instances nullified. It is an unat Craven hall were awarded yester- fortunate condition that twelve day. The prizes aggregate several months must elapse and a session of hundred dollars in value. The show Congress intervene before the will of was held under the direction of Ira the country as expressed at the polls at the great corn shows of the West. W. Williams, State agent of the United States farm demonstration work. and Approximately 400 boys from 30 that countles sent exhibits. Agricultural in the Constitution, that fetish of the libraries were awarded to Aiken, Barnwell and Clarendon counties for the best exhibits. L. L. Baker was in charge of the boys' corn show.

The following is the list of prizes and the prize winners:

Class A.

Best individual exhibit, limited to one bushel (80 ears,) any variety; First premium, one pony, by Gregory-Conder Mule Company, Yancey Matthis Lee County, \$125; second premium, one two-horse cultivator,

by John Deer Plow campany, Jerry Moore, Florence county, \$40; third premium, one roller-top desk, by Lion Furniture company, H. C. Brearley, Lee county. \$25.

Class B. Best ten-ear exhibit:

White prolific variety; first premium, one ton fertilizer, by Palmetto Fertilizer company, Jerry Moore, Florence county, \$30; second premium, one Molen 16-shooter rifle, by S. B. McMaster, Frank Moore, Florence county, \$9.50; third premium, one Diverse cultivator, by Ruff Hardware company, No 2, Greenville county, \$6.50.

White single ear variety: First premium, one ton fertilizer, by Peruvian Guano company, Eldridge Mixon, Lee county, \$20; second premium, one pair tailor-made pants, by Joseph Epstin, Jno. Smith, Clarendon, \$10; third premium, one English riding bridle, by Davis & Co., G. B. Gunthrop, Oconee county, \$6.50.

Yellow variety (single or prolific): First premium, one ton fertilizer, M Davis Lever, Richland county, \$30; second premium, one suit clothes, by R. H. Edmunds & Co., M. Lowman, Lexington county, \$6.50; third premium, one Chattanooga plow, by T. B. Aughtry & Co., F. M. Monts, Richland county, \$5.50.

Class C.

One-ear exhibit: White variety (single or prolific) First premium, one silver cup, by Chas. E. Sentz, Henry H. Plowden. Clarendon county, \$10; second premlum, one steel beam Oliver chill plow, by Lorick & Lawrence, Paul Greenville, \$5; third premium, one Stetson hat, by Copeland company, H. J. Willis, Florence county, \$3.50.

Yellow variety (single or prolific) First premium, cash, by Perry-Mann Electric company, M. Lowman, Lexington, \$10; second premium, one

Class D. To the county superintendent of ville. He is a son of ex-President of the work of the Boys' Corn Clubs royal standard typewriter, by J. Wil-

premium, one humider, by Sylvan as the only ex-President of the United Bros., Barnwell county, \$12.,

Class E.

To the county making the best exhibit of the boys' corn club work: First premium, one agricultural library, Clarendon county; second premium, one agricultural library, Aiken to effect the long opposed parcelscounty; third premium, one agricultural library, Barnwell county. Class E.

To the teacher whose school makes the best exhibit of the boys' corn club the citizens of the United States. The work; Premium, cash, by T. C. Wil-

Class G.

To the school making the best exhibit of the boys' corn club work: Premium: one agricultural library, General Sumter Memorial academy, Sumter county.

FORECAST OF GONGRESS.

OME OF THE IMPORTANT MEAS-URES FOR CONSIDERATION.

Fortification of Panama Canal Will Divide Parties-Reduction of Letter Postage and Establishment of Parcels Post-Express Monopoly Will Fight Hard-The Future of Teddy Roosevelt.

Washington, Dec. 5 .- After a recess and an election eventul in American politics, the national legislature is again in session in Washington. It will be a full year, however, before the result of the recent elecin Value-Jerry Moore Shows Best tions can be fully felt in legislation, 10-ear Exhibit-Individual Exhibit and by that time there may be such changes in commercial, industrial and political conditions that the intention Columbia, Dec. 8.—The prizes for of the voters as expressed a few can carried is remembered this condition is American lawyer and statesman, it is difficult to see how reform can be effected.

It is expected that the present session will address itself to routine business, the passage of appropriation bills and necessary non-political measures. The President's proclamation has recommended as a matter of course important new legislation, but there is little prospect of its being carried out. Nothing much will be done until after the Christmas holidays, and then barely two months of the Congressional session will remain before this Congress, on the 4th of March, will be ex-officio, and, as has been said, the new Congress just elected to do and undo so much will not have its chance for

Among the measures that will surely have a hearing in the discussions under the appropriations bills will be the subject of the fortification of the Panama Canal and there will be a confusion of party lines in the debate on this question. Some Republicans and some Democrats will oppose the military program proposed by the President, while other Republicans and Democrats will approve it. Mr. Tawney, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, who failed of reelection, will urge that the Canal shall be made a free waterway, unguarded by fortresses or cannon, while those of the Roosevelt and Taft school of politics will insist that a property consisting nearly half a billion of dollars and essential to the defense of our extensive western coast line shall not be left without adequate military protection, always, of course, "in the interest of peace," as Mr. Roosevelt would express it.

There is much comment in Washington with regard to the almost oppressive silence of Mr. Roosevelt since the election. He has completely disappeared from the political firmament, and now instead of headlines and columns on the first page of the daily papers, there is not even a paragraph or a caricature. The explanation is that he has probably given a tip to his friends, the reporters and caricaturists (for between hif and them there has been a loyalty mutual and ideal) that they shall give him an indelnite term of exclusive privacy, It would not be bad for Mr. Roosevelt's political future if he should let his beard grown, take the Canadian route to Van Couver, sail on the Express of India line of Yokahoma, and spend the next two years in Japan, China, the Phillippines, Java. Straits Settlements and India, return-

It is said that an effort will be

made by the Postmaster General,

backed by the administration, to pass a bill reducing postage on sealed letters of one cent and also to carry inpost privileges enjoyed by all foreign people, but through the influence of the express companies withheld from the citiens of the United States. Th American citizen living in Washingliams Realty company, J. J. Dargan, ton may send a ten pound package by mail to London, Paris, Berlin or Vienna, but he cannot send the sar package to Baltimore, only one hotal distant, or to Philadelphia or New | York, four and five hours distant. 1° the package should weigh only four pounds he can send it by mail for a pension, was granted a pension. 64c to any of these cities, but the four pounds to the European destination costs only 48c. The Postoffice Department is not responsible for these outrages. They are the result of the monopoly which the express companies through their influence in the Senate and House have been able to maintain in the distribution of packages by mail. In other words, the express companies will not be able to make so much money if the people of the United States shall insist upon having as good a parcelspost service between Philadelphia and to Berlin or Paris.

COTTON CROP OF 1909-10.

More Bales of Cotton Made Last Year Than This Year, But More Sold This Year.

More bales of cotton have been sold this year up to this time than conditions. were sold last year up to the same date, while the cotton crop of this bales in the warehouse last year as compared with the number in the warehouse this year.

Last year at the week ending Nobeen weighed on the cotton warehouse platform, while this year the number weighed up to the same date was 28,548. Last year at this time there were about 6,000 bales of cotton in the warehouse while this year there are only about 2,300 bales. This shows a seeming difference of more than 2,000 bales in favor of this year. This is not the case however, for last year about 3,000 bales of those in the warehouse had been weighed while this year most all of the cotton in the warehouse has been weighed. This makes about 3,000 of the bales of last year sold on the market this fall. The total for last year up to this time would be almost 30,000 bales while for this year it would be for the same time about 27,000 bales. Another thing in favor of last year's crop is that many farmers kept thir cotton in their own yards last year, while this year the cotton has almost all been sold as fast as it has been gin-

These figures all go to show that the crop of this year is not nearly so large in this county as it was last year. It is true that many of the farmers in the county made better cotton crops this year than they did last, but this was only on certain kinds of lands, and the majority of farmers did not make as big crops, especially the small ones. The good price which cotton has brought all of the fall has been one of the chief inducements to the farmers to sell, and most of them have found before this that waiting has in most cases proved to no advantage and so they were willing to sell their cotton for what they could get for it at the time than again run the risk of waiting and getting higher or possibly a lower price for their cotton. It has proved that they are willing to trust to the truth of the old saying that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Senator Tillman left Washington December 8th for his home at Trenton, where he will remain until Congress reconvenes in January, after the Christmas recess.

There were 1,766 bales of cotton sold on the local market last week, which shows that the amount of cotton being sold is gradually diminishing, although more bales were sold last week than were sold the week

and bladder. They correct irregu- ter than Chamberlain's, Sold by all servation and meditation will be larities. W. W. Mbert.

Colt Family Name Index System Adopted by County Board-Messrs. Harby' and Wallace Ask That Steps be Taken Toward Having All County Proper'v Put on Auditor's Books.

S and held its regular monthly , g in the office of the County S intendent yesterday with .iembers present and procer c transact its regular round ne business.

, unfinished business of the last ting was taken up first and gone

G. W. Scott an ex-Confederate veteran who at the last meeting of the board had sent in an application for

Messrs. H. Harby and B. C. Wallace appeared before the board to ask that steps be taken towards having all property in the county returned to the Auditor's office for taxation. They stated as their reason for making this request that there was a large amount of property in the county not on the Auditor's books and on which no taxes were ever paid, that the county was losing thousands of dollars every year because of the fact that taxes were not paid on the property and that they did not consider it fair to the balance of taxpayers to Cincinnati, for example, as they have this property in the county not

The proposition created considerable discussion and a number of questions were asked by members of the board, but no action was taken farther than to ask Messrs. Harby and Wallace to form and give to the Board at its next meeting some practical plan for remedying the present Mr. Thorpe appeared on behalf of

Walker, Evans & Co., of Charleston, year is short at least a couple of to represent the Colt Family Name thousand bales, is the sum and sub- Index system as requested by the stance of figures showing the number Board at its last meeting. He exof bales weighed last year compared plained the working of the system with this year, and the number of and how, if adopted by the office of the Clerk of Court, it would in time save the county thousands of dollars, He stated that be would take up the work of making new indexes for recvember 26, 26,192 bales of cotton had ords where it was left off by Mr. Charles Cuttino six years ago and contract to bring it up to the present time, guaranteeing to be free of all errors, and in such a way that the same indexes could be used on indefi-

> The Board was much pleased with the system as set forth by him and agreed to give Walker, Evans & Co., the contract to bring the work from the condition in which it had been ieft by Mr. Cuttino up to the present time at the price stated by Mr. Thorpe, \$1.190. Clerk of Court L. I. Parrott was notified, in furthering out the project to have the necessary contract drawn up to be signed by the parties concerned, Evans & Co., and the Chairman of the Board, P. M. Pitts, for the County. It was further moved and carried that the work be inspected by the Clerk of Court, by the County Supervisor and by the Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners, Mr. John R. Sumter, and rejected or accepted by them, as it was found to be properly or improperly done.

> The Colt Family Name Index systems are being put in in the offices of County Clerks throughout many counties of this and other States, and the installation of the system by Sumter County is simply a step towards keeping its place in the line of progress. The work will be commenced and done as soon as the contracts can be drawn up and signed, and other necessary red tape proceedings be through with.

> Mr. J. F. Anderson asked that the board pay for damages sustained by his horse while crossing a bridge over Black river. The matter was postponed for action until the next meeting so that the commissioners should have time to investigate the matter and see what claims Mr. Anderson had upon the county. ,

> Mr. D. B. Brunson petitioned that the commissioners allow the use of a road as a public road from the boulevard on Mr. W. M. Graham's place to connect with Britton's Siding. The matter was deferred for action at the next meeting, to be looked into in the meantime.

> Mr. London asked that a new public road be run from the Radical road at the Fullwood place to a point on the Zoar road at the five mile post from Sumter of the A. C. L. railroad, The matter was postponed for action

Get the Genuine Always.

Among the exhibitors at the expo- man A. Knapp, of the United States by Greenville Daily News, Clarendon the next Presidential election, either action, quick in results, and restore bruises, sereness of the muscles and tition is Rutherford P. Hayes of Ashe- farm demonstration work. He told county, \$75; second premium, one as principal or assistant. Travel, ob- the natural action of the kidneys rheumatic pains there is none bet-